

# **STAFF NOTES**

Colonel Thomas H. Streicher, Jr., Police Chief June 15, 2004

#### **ITEM**

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- 3. CITIZEN COMPLAINT INVESTIGATION
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#### **SUBMITTED BY**

**RECORDS SECTION** 

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INTERNAL INVESTIGATION

**SECTION** 

CHIEF'S OFFICE

#### 1. COURT HOLIDAY

On Monday, July 5, 2004, the Hamilton County Municipal Court will observe the Independence Day Holiday. All courts will be closed. Police officers are reminded not to issue citations requiring a court appearance on this date.

#### 2. SPANISH FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT

The Police Academy in partnership with the Tri-State Regional Community Policing Institute will be hosting a 10-week 20 hour course titled "Spanish for Law Enforcement". This training course will begin on September 13, and will run through November 15, 2004. Training will take place at the Police Academy and will be conducted during duty hours from 1800 to 2200 hours. There is no cost to attend this training.

Course highlights include understanding of the Hispanic culture as well as cursory language skills to enable basic conversation with Spanish-speaking people concerning safety commands and situations arising from law enforcement activities. All language is directly related to police work such as; traffic stops, medical emergencies, auto accidents, domestic violence situations, crisis intervention, search and seizure, and arrests.

Personnel interested in attending this training should submit a Form 17 through the chain of command by July 9, 2004.

Questions may be directed to Barry Webb at 357-7561

#### 3. IIS CASE #04108 - CHARLES BOYER

Attached to these staff notes is a closure Form 17 for Internal Investigation Section Case #04108. Internal Investigation Section (IIS) completed an investigation into a citizen complaint of an officer violating the law which was filed by Mr. Charles Boyer. Upon investigation by IIS officers it was determined that Mr. Boyer had made a false allegation against a police officer. Subsequently, upon conferring with the City Prosecutor's office, IIS has filed one count of "Make False Allegation of Peace Officers Misconduct (ORC 2921.15)" against Mr. Boyer.

#### 4. THANK YOU LETTERS

<u>Attached</u> to these Staff Notes are several thank you letters written to the Police Chief for the professionalism displayed by officers in our Department.

### City of Cincinnati



Interdepartmental Correspondence Sheet

Date 5/27/04

To

Colonel Thomas H. Streicher, Jr., Police Chief

From

Lieutenant Mark W. Briede, Acting Internal Investigations Section Commander

Copies to

Subject

IIS Case #04108 - Charles Boyer

Internal Investigation Section (IIS) completed an investigation into a citizen complaint of an officer law violation filed by Mr. Charles Boyer. Mr. Boyer filed his complaint on April 15, 2004, with Sergeant Debbie Bauer, Badge S450, IIS.

Mr. Boyer alleged on April 10, 2004, Police Officer Michael Roetting, Badge P210, District Three, stole two pocket knives, a gold wedding band, and his Ohio Identification card when Mr. Boyer was arrested at 2853 River Road.

IIS investigation revealed Mr. Boyer was arrested by Officer Roetting for Disorderly Conduct (ORC 2917.11), Open Container (ORC 4301.62), and Obstructing Official Business (ORC 2921.31). During Officer Roetting's search of Mr. Boyer, Officer Roetting removed two pocket knives from Mr. Boyer. Mr. Boyer also had a wallet containing miscellaneous papers. Officer Roetting did not recall if Mr. Boyer had an Ohio Identification card. Officer Roetting stated he knows Mr. Boyer on sight and has his information contained in his notebook. Mr. Boyer was transported to the Hamilton County Justice Center (HCJC).

Officer Roetting turned over Mr. Boyer's two pocket knives to the HCJC intake officers and his wallet containing miscellaneous papers was on his person when the intake officers conducted their search of Mr. Boyer.

IIS obtained Mr. Boyer's Hamilton County Sheriff Property Record Receipt. The Property Record Receipt indicates Mr. Boyer's two pocket knives were confiscated by the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office. The Property Record Receipt also indicates Mr. Boyer signed for a ring, watch, wallet, and other items when he was released from the HCJC.

Based on the IIS investigation, IIS recommends this case be closed UNFOUNDED.

On May 26, 2004, after conferring with City Prosecutor Mr./ Ernest McAdams, MS filed one count of Make False Allegation of Peace Officer Misconduct (ORC/2921.15) against Mr. Boyer.

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#### COMMUNITY POLICE PARTNERING CENTER

3458 Reading Road Cincinnati, Ohio 45229 513.281.9955 phone 513.281.0466 fax

June 2, 2004

Captain Cureton
District Two Police Department
3295 Erie Avenue
Cincinnati, Ohio 45208

Dear Captain Cureton,

I wanted to take a minute and to thank you for your support and commitment to the CPOP teams and SARA process. I have had very good interactions with all of your officers, but am writing to let you know about the extra special efforts and commitment that I have seen from Sergeant Martin Mack, Evanston Neighborhood Officer Kevin Brown, and Kennedy Heights/Pleasant Ridge Neighborhood Officer George Engleman.

Sergeant Mack has been very helpful to me and to District 2 neighborhoods in conveying his interest in working with them through CPOP, community councils, business associations, and individuals. He is quick to return phone calls and emails and takes a genuine interest in helping the CPOP teams to be effective. On May 27<sup>th</sup>, he attended the Kennedy Heights SARA Training and ended up helping us with our PowerPoint, presenting some of the information and most importantly, describing the District's role in helping Kennedy Heights to develop a CPOP team. He certainly went beyond my expectations and beyond the call of duty.

Officer Kevin Brown has also been a great help to the Evanston community and CPOP team. On June 1<sup>st</sup>, after our CPOP meeting, he joined the team in cleaning up one of our identified "hot spots," Fairfield and Hewitt. There we found a parking lot that had been turned into a dump with overgrown weeds, trash, tires, and junk cars. He pitched in and helped to clean the area. He also agreed to follow up with any appropriate enforcement by the City. Not only that, but Officer Brown was very helpful and friendly to the children and adults that we passed. One man even got out of his car to shake Officer Brown's hand. The man told us that he was very happy to see a uniformed Police Officer helping the community. The team is grateful to Officer Brown, and I am sure that his involvement is good for the image of the Police in Evanston.

Officer George Engleman has been very helpful in the development of CPOP teams from the very beginning. He comes prepared to community meetings with specific information and is willing to provide resources to community members. He took part in RCPI's SARA Training and was able to bring food and drinks to the Kennedy Heights training. He also made time to work with me so that we could do additional recruitment in the neighborhood and to teach me about Kennedy Height's community problems. It is very clear that he is committed to the wellbeing of residents and businesses in Kennedy Heights and Pleasant Ridge. I am thrilled to have his support with CPOP teams in the future.

As I write this letter, I think of the excellent help that many of your other neighborhood officers have provided, including Officers Stephanie Bellamah, George Jason, Porter Eubanks, Michael Machenheimer, Kelly MacBeth, and Kathy Horn. It has been a pleasure to work with them and I am so grateful for their help. Thank you for providing the leadership and support to your neighborhood officers that enables them to help communities help themselves!

Sincerely,

Amy Krings, MSW

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Community Outreach Worker

The Community Police Partnering Center

559-5450 or cpopamy@hotmail.com

CC: Chief Thomas Streicher, Mr. Rick Beihl

The Community Police Partnering Center works in partnership with community stakeholders and the Cincinnati Police Department to develop and implement effective strategies to reduce crime and disorder while facilitating positive engagement and increased trust between the police and neighborhoods.



June 1, 2004

Police Chief Thomas H. Streicher, Jr City of Cincinnati Police Department 310 Ezzard Charles Drive Cincinnati, Ohio 45214

Dear Chief Streicher,

On May 25, 2004, after parking her vehicle in the lot by the Bengal's Stadium, a subject who appeared to be under the influence of drugs approached my coworker, Susan Wurzelbacher. This subject first passed Susan and then turned and abruptly charged in her direction. Not knowing what this subject was going to do she screamed, the subject continued his charge and after several screams he fled toward the Ohio River. Police Dispatch was called and officers responded to the area and conducted a thorough search for this suspect all to no avail.

Although no crime occurred, the compassion displayed and the response to the call by your officers was phenomenal. They comforted my coworker and made every attempt to resolve a scary situation. Again this situation is not headline material but it shows what occurs on a daily basis by your department in making Cincinnati safe. Please extend our thanks to the following officers on behalf of U. S. Bank, Susan Wurzelbacher and myself for excellent policing and community relations.

Police Officer Robert Jones, badge 226, District One Police Officer Al Staples, badge 77, District One Police Officer Bruce Maxwell, badge 310, District One Police Officer Pat Norton, badge 528, District One Police Officer Paul Glindmeyer, badge 551, District One

Respectfully,

Walty F. M. Walter F. McAlpin Jr

### City of Deer Park Police Department

7777 Blue Ash Road Deer Park, Ohio 45236

ALVIN A. GILLE Chief of Police Office (513) 791-8056 Fax (513) 794-8875

Colonel Thomas Streicher, Jr. 310 Ezzard Charles Dr. Cincinnati, Ohio 45214

02. June 2004

Dear Colonel Streicher,

I am writing in recognition of the assistance rendered to my department by Officer Eric Franz. Officer Franz took the time to meet with my personnel to share information on the "Citizens on Patrol" program. His time and effort have advanced our program tremendously. Officer Franz's hard work, dedication, and true belief in the C.O.P. program is evident. His willingness to assist fellow officers in maintaining the integrity of the program reflected well on the professionalism of the Cincinnati Police Department.

Once again, I would like to extend my thanks to Officer Franz and the Cincinnati Police Department for the quality of work and support that was provided.

With my compliments,

Chief Alvin Gille

Deer Park Police Department

7777 Blue Ash Rd. Deer Park, OH 45236

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#### Cincinnati Mennonite Fellowship 4229 Brownway Avenue Cincinnati, Ohio 45209

June 3, 2004

Thomas H. Streicher, Jr.
Police Chief
City of Cincinnati Police Department
310 Ezzard Charles Drive
Cincinnati, Ohio 45215

Dear Chief Striecher:

I am a recent graduate (May 2004) of the Citizen's Police Academy and am expressing my appreciation for the learning opportunities this program provided. The seminars were well organized and conducted in a very professional manner. All police persons who participated had a positive attitude and were attentive to our concerns and questions. I especially want to commend Lt. Howard Rahtz who was a most hospitable convener, making us all feel at ease and an integral part of our class. I would encourage you to continue this program (and advertise it widely) as it is one of the best public relations tools the Cincinnati Police Department has going. You can be assured that each person who completed this course has gone back into their communities with a better understanding of the Cincinnati Police Department and with a desire to spread that good will with their friends and neighbors.

Thank you again for providing this excellent program!

Sincerely,

Ann Nofziger, pastor

Cincinnati Mennonite Fellowship

Cc: Lt. Howard Rahtz Theodore J. Schoch

## 2004 LAW ENFORCEMENT EXPLORING COMPETITION (L.E.E.C.) PLANNING COMMITTEE

May 25, 2004

Chief Thomas Streicher Cincinnati Police Department 310 Ezzard Charles Drive Cincinnati, Ohio 45214

Dear Sir;

On behalf of the 2004 L.E.E.C. Planning Committee, we extend our sincere appreciation for the assistance provided by members of your agency in conjunction with this year's law enforcement competition, held on April 24 and 25, 2004. This annual event, and the law enforcement exploring program through the Boy Scouts of America and sponsoring local police agencies, is an important program for young adults seeking career guidance.

The willingness of area law enforcement officers to give of their time and effort to serve as judges for the events, or on the L.E.E.C. Committee, speaks well of both them and the agencies they represent, and presents an opportunity for the explorers to have contact with, and receive guidance from law enforcement professionals.

Please convey our thanks specifically to the following individuals for their assistance in the planning and/or execution of this year's competition.

Officer Steve Ventre Event Judge
Officer Mike Miller Event Judge
Officer Daniel Coates Event Judge
Officer Greg Meadows Committee

Officer Steve Fromhold Event Judge
Roger Smallwood Event Judge
Gary Conner Event Judge

Without the assistance of officers such as these, and the support of the agency head, the annual competition would not be possible. Thanks again for your support of law enforcement exploring.

Sincerely,

Galen J. McKendry, Lieutenant Hamilton County Sheriff's Department 2004 L.E.E.C. Planning Committee &

Law Enforcement Exploring Cluster Chairman